ise the large quantities of grapes, Mangoes and pine apples available there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not directly set up food processing industries in any state. However, various Plan Schemes have been formulated by this Ministry to provide financial assistance to the State Governments, State Government Undertakings, their Cooperative Societies and Public Sector Undertakings to set up food processing industries in different States. At present there is no proposal to set up any food processing industry in Periyakulam Parliamentary Constituency.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of P.T.A.

4921. SHRI R. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for manufacturing P.T.A. (Purified Terephcialic Acid) near Madras, was approved in the year 1987; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and when the work on the project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). A letter of intent to set up an aromatic plant at Manali near Madras was granted in 1987 to M/s Madras Refineries Limited. The project will inter-alia produce 200,000 tonnes per annum of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA). The project is estimated to cost Rs. 1380 crores (August 1990 prices). The project implementation will begin after investment approval etc. are received by the company.

New Electronic Units in Kerala

4922. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for establishing new electronic units like Keltron in the State;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(c) the annual turn-over of Keltron?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The turnover of Keltron including its subsidiaries is as follows:—

Year	*Turnover*
1989-90	Rs. 124 Crores
1990-91	Rs. 111 Crores

White Paper on Public Sector

4923. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring out a White Paper on the status of Public Sector Undertakings in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). In view of the fact

that the statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991 also covers the public sector, the Government do not propose to bring out a 'White Paper' on the status of teh public sector undertakings.

Prices of Vanaspati

4925. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Vanaspati is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, to what extent Vanaspati price has been increasing after the introduction of the budget; and

(c) the steps taken to check the price thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). There has been mixed trend in the price of vanaspati. The wholesale prices of vanaspati at Delhi market have increased in the range of 5.9%—6.7% during 24.7.1991—22.8.1991.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to bring down price are:

(i) Excise rebate allowed on usage of minor/non traditional oils in the manufacture of vanaspati;

(ii) Stock limits of hydrogenated vegetable oils with wholesalers and retailers have been reduced;

(iii) Stock limits of edible oils and vanaspati with the producers have been reduced; and

(iv) State Governments have been advised to undertake dehoarding operations on regular basis to enforce the reduced stock limits etc.

Training Programmes on Oceanography

4926. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken to provide training programmes, graduation and Post Graduation Courses on Oceanography in the Universities particularly in coastal States; and

(b) the names of such Universities where the said programme courses are available at present/proposed to be made available in the near future and in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Ocean Development has been extending project and research support to Post-Graduate Programmes, in some selected areas of ocean science and technology, which also provide opportunities for developing specialised manpower.

(b) The details of Universities where such programmes/courses are available at present/proposed to be made available are given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

1. Jadhavpur University, Calcutta.
2. University of Calcutta, Calcutta.
3. I.I.T. Kharagpur.
4. Berhampur University, Berhampur, Orissa